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1. (a)	the "independent armored regiment" (önallo harckocsizo ezred) consisted basically of three T-34 tank companies, one SU 76 mm self- propelled gun company, and one AAA battery. 25X1
(b)	This regiment was subordinate to an unidentified rifle corps with headquarters in Székesfehérvár (N 47-12, E 18-25).
(c) _,	The estimated current regimental strength was 600 officers and enlisted men. The regiment was allegedly upgraded from an independent tank battalion in February 1955 and was to be brought up to an authorized strength of 1,240 officers and EM by the end of 1956, when it would be an "A" unit.
. (a)	This regiment was located in the Bem caserne in Tapolca (N $46-53$, E $17-26$).

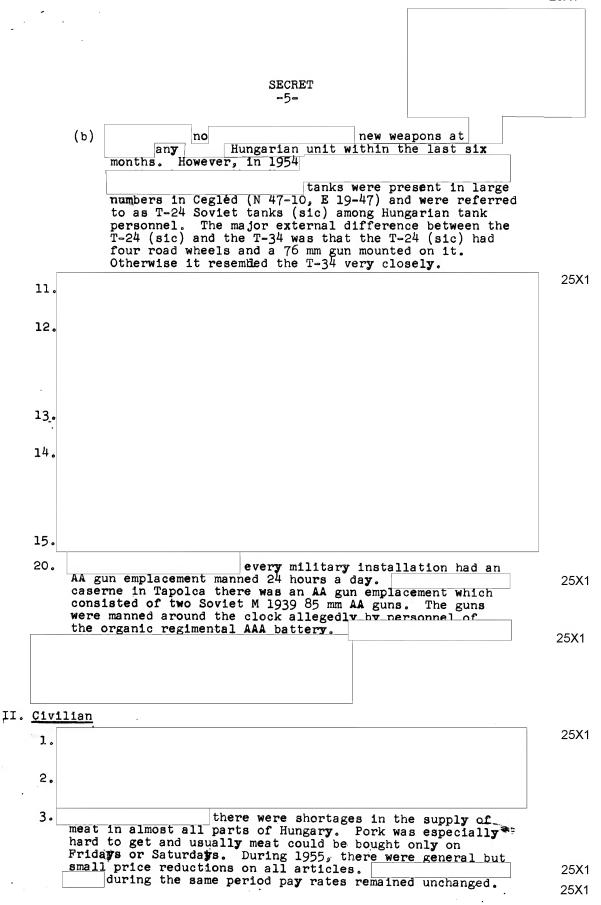
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	(1)		regiment in	25X1
	(+)	Tapo	lca had the following major items of equipment:	
		(1)	62 T-34 tanks (six of which were of Czechoslovak manufacture and in good condition). The Soviet T-34's which made up the bulk of the 62 tanks were of World War II vantage and were in almost unusable condition.	
		(2)	12 SU-76 mm SP guns.	
		(3)	Ten or 11 Csepel Diesel three-and-a-half-ton trucks, converted into repair shop vehicles.	
		(4)	Four Vippon trucks.	
		(5)	Three GAZ-67B jeeps.	
		(6)	Four Csepel Diesel three-ton trucks.	
		(7)	Four or five unidentified 250 cm. Soviet motor-cycles, which source called IZS motorcycles.	
		(8)	One US World War II GMC truck.	
		(9)	Two German (probably World War II vintage) POL trucks with a capacity of 6,000 liters each.	
		(10)	One tank retriever which was actually a regular T-34 tank minus the turret.	
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	(a)	(pán	nidentified armored NCO (school) regiment celes tiszthelyettes képző ezred), which was ctly subordinate to the Ministry of Defense.	
		was a one ; batta three	It was located at Retsag (N 47-55, -08). This "regiment" an NCO school which presented a course lasting year. It was organized into three school tank alions and one school SP battalion. Each of the e companies per school battalion had a strength pproximately 130 mens	25X1

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to a lab	a highway from Szombathely to Torony J. E 16-32) was being worked on and was partially at the time of his defection. construction on it was stopped due sor shortage. subway construction sest was also stopped sometime in 1955 due to a se of raw materials.
was cens	the mail of conscripts ored for about six months after they were inducted.
air raid	World War II shelters were being reconditioned and new s were all built with air raid shelter provisions.
received	all military and civilian personnel inoculations every six months against typhus and y. Both military and civilian personnel also
received	shots once a year against cholera and plague. civilens had to pay two forints per
inoculat	
by Sovie	in 1955 large numbers of civildans were in Szombathely. Their apartments were taken over t dependents who came to Szombathely from Austria time. The evicted civilians were given living